

Earthquake Response Plan

The year 2010 was a very difficult one for the poor country of Haiti. In January, a massive earthquake ravaged this small island nation. So, throughout the year and into the first few months of 2011, Heart 4 Haiti Lutheran Mission Society responded to this event as we partnered with LCMS World Relief & Human Care, Orphan Grain Train and Lutherans around the country. Our short term goals were to provide shelter, food, and water. The long term goals were to help the Church, School, and people rebuild their lives. We are happy to report that our short term fundraising goals were met as we were able to rebuild the perimeter compound wall, help rebuild the homes of Roro and Berus, provide financial assistance for Margareth Thomas to purchase a car after hers was destroyed in the earthquake, continue support of the school and provide continuous funds for the feeding program. With these goals having been met we look forward to working on the “5 Year Plan” that has been proposed by the Port-au-Prince District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti.

5 Year Plan

I am pleased to write you regarding the FIVE YEAR PLAN of our church. After the earthquake of January 12, 2010, we are experiencing negative and positive challenges. On the negative side, people who were already starving continue to experience hardship and need to be helped and assisted. On the positive side, more people are joining our congregations and our attendance is increasing. We need to be able to serve and assist them any way we can. Knowing that our financial possibilities are limited we share this plan with our supporters who would like to participate in its execution and realization:

Good Shepherd (Delmas 75)

Build a community store

Build an office

Establish a food bank (Serve all 3 churches)

Purchase a new generator

Purchase uniforms & school supplies for children (225)

Repair back of the church

Village of Peace (Downtown)

Purchase a bigger building

Build 24 more pews

Leogane

Build a modest church

Build 24 more pews

The church building at Village of Peace is very small and cannot hold the 250 to 300 people who are worshipping there now. We cannot enlarge the building because there is no space. Concerning the food bank, we would like to keep serving food on a regular basis to each church family. This would at least allow them to have a hot meal once a day. The community store will generate income for both the church and the school. This is really important for the future of the ministry.

In general, the execution of our FIVE YEAR PLAN will make a positive impact in the lives of our members and the people of our communities. There are different areas where you can help. If you feel that the Holy Spirit is touching your heart concerning one of these projects, please do not hesitate to participate.

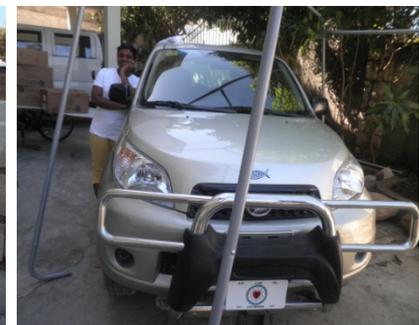
I look forward to keeping in touch and moving forward with the ministry in Port-au-Prince. Yours in Him, Pastor Thomas



People Receiving Food



Working on Berus's New Home



Margareth's New Car